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RESPONSE

In response to the notification of incomplete response mailed January 14, 2000,  
 please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

13. (Amended) An electrode package in which one or more adhesively-applied skin electrodes may be sealed, said electrode package comprising:  
 a first adhesively-applied skin electrode,  
 a first compartment containing said first electrode,  
 a releasable seal adapted to seal said first compartment and maintain said first electrode in a sealed mode in which said first electrode is not exposed to an external environment,  
 a connector of said first electrode, said connector comprising at least one terminal adapted to make and break an electrical connection,  
 a second compartment outside of said first compartment and containing said connector of said first electrode, and  
 a barrier element positioned at said releasable seal and providing an electrically conductive path between the first electrode and the connector without exposing the first electrode to the external environment.

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